

# Federation of Labor

**In Convention at Baltimore, Denounces Compulsory Regulation of Industrial Relations—Limits Arbitration. Only Property and Property Rights Arbitral, Says Report.**

Baltimore.—The annual report of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor was the most important feature of the opening day of the thirty-sixth annual convention of the federation. One of the striking features of the report, read this afternoon, was the denunciation of what was called an "essential feature" of President Wilson's proposals for legislation. This was the creation of "compulsory governmental institutions to regulate industrial relations in an occupation now owned or operated by the Government itself." This was declared to be "a revolutionary proposition totally out of harmony with our prevailing institutions and out of harmony with our philosophy of government. The wage-earners of the United States will oppose any proposition to impose on them compulsory institutions which disguise involuntary servitude. They hold that the principle involved in voluntary institutions is the key to personal and industrial freedom and that this principle is of more importance to them than any other consideration. Involuntary and compulsory labor once enforced, even for a single hour, will not halt at its temporary enforcement, but will go on and become permanent."

Speaking of the eight-hour day law passed by Congress to avert the recently threatened railroad strike, the report says: "For nearly a century the labor movement of America has conducted a campaign for the establishment of a maximum eight-hour work day, and characterizes the legislation by Congress as 'a notable movement.' It says the eight-hour day was established 'as a primary step in conserving the lives and the working power of wage earners.'"

In taking the position that the principle of the eight-hour day should be conceded as a right that ought not be arbitrated, the report says: "Neither President Wilson nor the railroad brotherhoods rejected the principle of arbitration, as the railroad presidents have wrongfully claimed. Those matters are arbitrable which concern property and property rights."

In discussing Pan-American labor relations the report details conferences in Washington last summer between President Gompers and other officers of the American Federation and representatives of organized labor in Mexico when the relations between the two countries were "most critical." The report suggests that a Pan-American Federation "is not only possible, but necessary."

The membership of the Federation is given at 2,071,836 on September 30, the close of the fiscal year, an increase of about 125,000 over the previous year and of more than 1,800,000 in the 19 years of its existence. There are 21,711 local unions in the federation and 45 State federations. Receipts for the year are shown at \$404,407, with a cash balance at its close of \$89,360.

## KROGER DRIVER ATTACKED; DETECTIVES ARE STRUCK

George Lillie, 26, of 446 Pioneer street, driver for the Kroger Grocery & Baking Co., whose teamsters are on a strike, was attacked at Fourth and Pike streets Tuesday by nine men, he told the police. He was riding horseback when the men surrounded him. He was knocked from the horse when struck with a brick.

Bricks were thrown at an auto truck of the company near Fourth and Scott streets, Covington, late Monday by men in an auto.

Frank J. Messman and Frank Hardy, who said they are employed by a private detective agency, were struck.

### WANT TO PLACATE THEM.

Phenixville, Pa.—Notices have been posted in the various departments of the Phoenix Iron Company announcing an increase of 10 per cent in wages, which goes into effect November 20. Then men were becoming restless and some agitation was going on to make a demand for more money. That information reaching the management, it was decided to anticipate the proposed action of the employees and the notice was the result. Workers in that industry are becoming scarce and orders are urgent, and the company fearing the men might seek to form a union, determined to anticipate such a move and advance wages before it was too late. Approximately 2,500 men are employed.

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## BLAINE CLUB

**Names Candidates Geo. F. Schott, Gerritt J. Fredriks, Adolph A. Gruber and Fred E. Wesselmann To Head Both Tickets.**

Sheriff George F. Schott will again head the Blaine Club as its President, while Gerritt J. Fredriks, Jr., will be Secretary and Adolph A. Gruber Commander. Fred E. Wesselmann will be the new Treasurer.

This was made certain yesterday when the Red and Blue Committees met and selected their tickets for the annual election, Saturday, November 25.

The Blue Committee is made up of Thomas L. Pogue, Chairman; Charles Stagnaro, Charles S. Bell, H. L. Federman and William H. Gibson, while Fred Bader, Chairman; William von Hoen, Edward Dornette, Julius Spangenberg and Arthur Marc Harris compose the Red Committee.

Both committees met at the Blaine Club yesterday and organized by electing Fred Bader as Chairman and Harry Federman Secretary. The two committees then proceeded to nominate their respective tickets, as follows:

Red Ticket—President, George F. Schott; Vice Presidents, Paul V. Connolly, Walter J. Friedlander, Henry G. Hauck, Walter G. Musekamp and Louis Werk; Treasurer, Fred Wesselmann; Secretary, Gerritt J. Fredriks, Jr.

Blue Ticket—President, George F. Schott; Vice Presidents, Al Bode, Charles Groom, Conrad Keller, William Leimann and Frank J. Zumstein; Treasurer, Fred E. Wesselmann; Secretary, Gerritt J. Fredriks, Jr.

Red Directors—Charles H. Elston, Walter L. Geisler, Charles L. Heckel, Jr., O. A. Klinkenberg, John P. Langmead, T. E. Mooney, William R. Sanders, Ed D. Schorr, Walter W. Schwaab, M. Emil Schiele, Fred Sperber, Jr., George Stagg, Theodore Stichel and Harry E. Wehmann; Commander, Adolph A. Gruber.

Blue Directors—J. H. Ahlbrandt, Jr., M. L. Alexander, William Dilg, Charles W. Baker, Jr., Henry E. Beebe, Horace Bonser, William Heckerman, John Hoffman, Jr., John S. Klemeier, Harrison E. Staggman, Charles B. Terry, Joseph H. Woeste, Eugene Wagner and Willis W. Yeatman; Commander, Adolph A. Gruber.

Because of his popularity among the Republican voters, as attested by his high vote at the recent election, Sheriff George F. Schott was renominated to succeed himself without opposition, while the past good work of Secretary Fredriks and Commander Gruber assured their renomination upon both tickets. As County Clerk-elect Wesselmann also is exceedingly popular, both Nominating Committees selected him for Treasurer.

Both tickets are declared to be the strongest in years, and remarkably new and novel campaign stunts are even being promised for the election.

## UNIONISTS GO AFTER BUTCHERS

Michael Schindl, business agent; John Finke and George Wengert, committee on Sunday closing of the Meat Cutters' Union, applied late Tuesday in municipal court for warrants for these butchers, alleging they remained open Sunday.

J. Richter, 1930 Queen City avenue; Jack Mueller, 107 W. Liberty street; Joseph A. Nienaber, 442 Bank street; Charles Schmidt, Bond and Sycamore streets; William Stark, 1601 Walnut street; and Otto L. Ruck, Thirtieth and Walnut streets.

The union officials said they obtained evidence Sunday by making purchases. More warrants are to follow, Schindl announced, as the union is determined to force butchers to close on Sunday.

### STRIKEBREAKERS DEPORTED.

Niagara Falls, Ontario.—Since the latter part of June the carpenters on the construction of a new roundhouse for the M. C. R. at Montrose, near here by the Waldbridge-Aldinger company of Detroit, have been on strike.

After unsuccessfully trying to fill their places locally the firm imported carpenters and also laborers from Detroit.

This action was brought to the attention of the emigration department at Ottawa by the Carpenters' union, and after full inquiry the men were returned to Detroit by instructions of the department.

It is probable that action under the alien labor act will be taken by the Carpenters' union at Niagara Falls against this firm.

### BARBERS STRUCK FOR INCREASE.

Paterson, N. J.—The barbers struck when the bosses refused to grant an increase in pay. Two hundred left their chairs. Several weeks ago they won their demand for shorter hours and half holiday each week. Twenty bosses have already conceded the demands and indications seem to be favorable for an early adjustment with those who are still holding out.

## MINING INVESTMENTS

One of the most fascinating and, at the same time, the most remunerative of investments, is one in an established and producing Mine, whether it be gold, silver, copper or coal.

Mining investments in the precious metals and in copper are at present attracting a tremendous lot of attention throughout the country because of the enormous profits reported in the Mining Industry. For the eight months ending August 31, 1916, about 150 mines paid dividends to their fortunate stockholders aggregating the enormous total of \$170,000,000. This is only a portion of the dividend paying mines in America as a large number are privately owned and make no report of earnings. No other industry, whether it be banking, manufacturing or merchandising shows such substantial and consistent earnings. Many of the mining stocks have increased 2,000 per cent in market value in the past three years, in addition to returning handsome dividends to the lucky owners of the stock. It is believed that mining stocks are more widely distributed in small amounts than the stocks of any other industry.

There is little need of taking much of a chance in selecting a mining investment. The principal requirements are to be sure that the mine is actually a developed and producing one, and under competent management, with an ample supply of paying ore in sight. If these conditions are present then the operations can be planned, estimated and carried on with all the precision and accuracy of reaping and marketing a grown crop of wheat, corn or oats. It is simply a matter of breaking down the ore in the shafts and on the levels, bringing it to the surface, putting it through the stamp mills or smelter, and selling it in an eager market at the prevailing prices for gold and silver.

A large number of Ohio and Kentucky men and women are interested in The Gilpin-Eureka Mines Company which owns six mining claims at Central City, Colorado, about forty miles from Denver. The Gilpin-Eureka is a developed, producing gold and silver mine, being operated now on six levels down to about 650 feet below the surface in rich ore bodies. More capital is being raised to sink the present shaft 400 feet more and double the present Mill capacity of forty tons per day. The opportunity to become interested with the 400 present stockholders of the Gilpin-Eureka is set forth in the advertising columns of this issue. The officers and directors are: President, Senator A. E. Stricklett, of Covington, Ky.; Vice-President and Treasurer, George W. Platt, of Cincinnati; Secretary, Dr. F. Roubush, of Covington; General Manager, E. L. Clark, of Central City, Colo.; these, with Martin M. Durrett, U. S. Referee in Bankruptcy of Covington; R. E. Reiche, Jeweler of Denver, Colo.; Harry F. Smith, Broker of Cincinnati; and W. P. Marchbank, of New York City, constitute the Board of Directors.

The Company has just run into paying ore of high value in gold and silver on the 600-foot level. Assays by G. W. Seifried and W. Simonson, Assayers of Cincinnati, Ohio, show values of \$150 per ton in gold and silver. A neighboring Mine to the Gilpin-Eureka, the Gunnell Group, is being operated at 1,800 feet below the surface of the earth and has produced gold and silver to the big total of \$8,000,000. Colorado is the richest and largest gold and silver producing State in the world. The total production last year in Colorado of gold and silver was about \$30,000,000. The Gilpin-Eureka Mines Company has prepared a very interesting and valuable circular describing the Company, its property and How Gold is mined. Free copies may be had on application to the Company's office in the Fourth National Bank Building, Cincinnati.

## CITY EMPLOYEES ASK HIGHER WAGE

Street Widening Measure Also Before Councilmen.

Legislation for the appropriation of property for the widening of Seventh street from Main to Sycamore street, and of Ninth street from Sycamore to Broadway, will be introduced in Council late Tuesday by Councilman Uricho. City stablemen, drivers and helpers will submit a letter through Councilman Mullen asking for an increase of 25 cents a day in wages. City Hall elevatorman, janitors and watchmen will file a petition asking for a wage increase.

### BANKS ARE PROSPEROUS.

Washington, D. C.—Reports of National banks' condition on September 12, the Comptroller of the Currency announced, show total resources of \$14,411,000,000 or \$216,000,000 greater than ever before in the nation's history. This was an increase of \$485,000,000 over June 30, last, and \$2,144,000,000 over September 2, 1915. The previous high water-mark was on May 1 last.

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